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Attorney General McGraw Names Wellsburg's Lee to Citizen's Advisory Committee

CHARLESTON – Citing his extensive and decorated experience in criminal justice and involvement in community programs, West Virginia Attorney General Darrell McGraw has selected James Lee of Wellsburg for his Citizens Advisory Committee.

A decorated Vietnam veteran, Mr. Lee has served since 1972 as the Chief Probation Officer for the First Circuit Court, covering Hancock, Brooke and Ohio Counties. He is also teaches criminal justice as a professor at West Liberty State College and Wheeling Jesuit University.

"It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve on this committee with Attorney General McGraw," Mr. Lee said. "He has always been a friend of the working men and women of our state."

Created by McGraw in 2007, the Citizens Advisory Committee reaches out to communities throughout the state as part of the Attorney General's effort to provide personalized access to consumer protection resources for all West Virginians. It offers consumers with questions and complaints the opportunity for direct contact with a representative of the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Lee is the newest of the committee's 35 Citizen Advisors.

"Opening channels of communication through our Consumer Advisors is one of the most effective tools that my office can use in educating consumers," Attorney General McGraw said. "It enables our citizens to make smarter choices and reduces unnecessary litigation."

Mr. Lee was named to the Governor's Committee on Overcrowded Prisons last year and honored as Distinguished West Virginian of 2004 in recognition of his efforts to improve the criminal justice system. Author of the state's Community Corrections Act, he was instrumental in establishing the Lee Day Report Center as well as the state's first drug/DUI and mental health court. He holds masters degrees in Leadership Studies from Marshall University and Science in Education from the University of Dayton.

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